



# Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

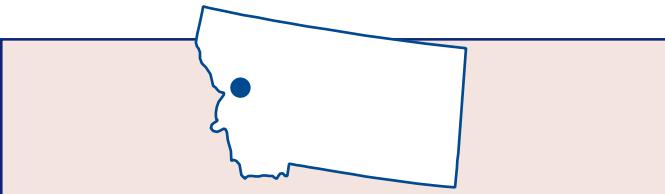
## Missoula, MT

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The City of Missoula was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant and a cleanup grant. Missoula is a city of 57,053 surrounded by the Rocky Mountains. Montana's economy historically relied on the timber and mining industries. With the decline in these industries, especially timber, Missoula lost high-paying jobs and was left with abandoned facilities. At the same time, the city's population has grown at a rate that is outpacing its supply of affordable housing stock. The 39-acre sawmill property is in a census tract where more than 30 percent of residents live in poverty and the median family income is 70 percent of the city median. The White Pine site is in an area with the city's highest concentration of low-income residents, where the poverty rate is 27 percent and less than one-



### Assessment Grant

New  
2004

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Missoula for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to complete assessment of hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum contamination at a 39-acre sawmill adjacent to the city's central business district. Funds also will be used for community involvement and development of a cleanup plan.

### Cleanup Grant

New  
2004

\$182,538 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Missoula for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to clean up contaminated soil on a 12-acre parcel of the Missoula White Pine site.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

third of area homes are owner-occupied. Cleanup and redevelopment of both of these sites will free up many acres of land for residential development. Plans for the sawmill site also include commercial facilities and greenspace. The White Pine site plans include co-locating several city departments on one property and creating a park on the site.